MR. K. A. MATHEW (*Thiruvella*): May I know how long is it since the Kottayam Municipality has been asking for the water supply?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: To my knowledge it has been in progress for three months.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the matter has been submitted to the Dewan earlier?

PRESIDENT: More than one deputation waited on me and I found that the municipality did not make any concrete suggestion. I found that there were departmental disputes between the Executive Engineer's Office and some Munsiff's Courts each office declining to give any portion of its land for the purpose of sinking a well. I ordered that if these offices took up this attitude and did not give land for the purpose of sinking a well they would be removed from those places. I suggested that within a week the Peishkar should meet the municipality and the magnates of the locality and put up a scheme. The Peishkar accordingly put up a scheme for sinking three wells, and those three wells have been sunk. Just a year's delay was due to the mutual correspondence between the Engineer's Office and some other office as to whether they should give an acre of their land for this purpose.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR: (*Nominated*): May I know whether the late Doraswami Aiyengar has left any scheme for the water supply of Kottayam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: My enquiries show that there is not any.

PRESIDENT: I myself have looked for it and I have not got it.

MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR: We had a discussion with him about the whole matter.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether it does not show a lack of coordination between the different departments?

PRESIDENT: Quite so. That is just the reason why it has been tried to be prevented. Such lack of coordination will be very sternly dealt with.

Water supply in the town of Kottayam.

157 * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made till now in the investigation for water supply in the town of Kottayam?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: The construction of three wells to afford immediate redress is in progress. The question of providing a permanent pipe water supply is engaging the attention of Government. Investigation work for this will be taken up soon.

Water supply in the town of Vaikom.

158. * MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any investigation regarding water supply in the town of Vaikom; and

(*b*) if so, at what stage it is?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is nearing completion.

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MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): May I know from what source water is tapped at Vaikom?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is from a well. A very good well, I suppose, yields a good deal of water. I have ordered an investigation into the matter.

Water scarcity in the Quilon town.

159 *MR. K. A. MAHOMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that there is acute water scarcity in the Quilon town?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not till this year when there was an unprecedented drought.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartigapally*): May I know whether there is any scheme for water supply at Quilon in view of the recent scarcity of water at that place?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Not as a general question.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: Is there any scheme under consideration for water supply to Quilon, in consideration of the shortage of water during very dry seasons?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Yes Sir, there is one.

MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether representations have been received from the Quilon Municipality for providing permanent water supply to Quilon town?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: There was a recent application. An investigation has been ordered.

MR. P. K KURIAKOSE: May I know whether there was any attempt to prevent shortage of water this year at Quilon?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It came to our notice rather too late. In the meanwhile rains came on.

MR. V. GANGADHARAN NAIR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to introduce water supply in the town of Quilon?

PRESIDENT: It is a suggestion for future action.

Inspection of Manimala bridge and Moolepilackal crossing.

160 *MR. K. G. KESAVAN NAIR (*Changanacherry* cum *Peermade*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Chief Engineer has inspected the Manimala bridge and the Moolepilackal crossing; and

(*b*) the results of that inspection?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Instructions have been issued to prepare estimates for bridges at both the sites.

Improvement to Appathukulam.

161 *MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any petition was received by Government for improvement of the Appathukulam, Kunnathur pakuthi;

(*b*) if so, whether any steps are taken for effecting the necessary improvements?

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